

TOWN BOARD

The Town Board, Town of Highlands, held a special meeting on Monday, April 4, 2011 at Town Hall, 254 Main St, Highland Falls, NY at 7:30pm.

PRESENT:	Edward Magryta	----	Supervisor
	Holly Gokey	----	Council Member
	William Edsall	----	Council Member
	Laurie R. Tautel	----	Council Member
	Mervin R. Livsey, Jr.	----	Council Member
	Justin Rider	----	Counsel
	June Patterson	----	Town Clerk

Supervisor Magryta opened the special meeting at 7:35pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

TOWN WEB SITE

Council Member Gokey reported that a temporary website has been established. Ms. Gokey said that the Town needs to sit down with the IT professional to discuss the final website.

Supervisor Magryta said that the website is a great deal and he is very excited.

ENGINEERING PROPOSAL – ENERGY STUDY

Council Member Tautel stated that she had given the information pertaining to the energy study to the Board at the last meeting.

Supervisor Magryta questioned the funding for the audit.

Council Member Tautel said that the gentleman she needs to speak to is away and she will contact him when he gets back.

Supervisor Magryta said that the Board will discuss this at a later workshop.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Supervisor Magryta said that a Board Member that is assigned to a department would be the point of contact/responsible person for that department, but that other Board Members can get involved.

Supervisor Magryta said that Disaster Preparedness includes the Emergency Action Plan (EAP), the Safety Committee and Workers' Comp. The Supervisor commended Council Member Tautel for her good work with the Judicial Department.

Supervisor Magryta said that while Council Member Gokey has been assigned to Parks, Council Member Livsey will retain Brooks' Park and Long Pond to complete projects that he has started.

Council Member Livsey said that if Supervisor Magryta wants him to champion the project, he will do it 100%, with no exceptions.

COMPTROLLER – TRANSFER REQUEST

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to approve the transfer of \$6,000 from Account 1355.0454 (Re-val) to Account 1355.0102 (Re-val Stipend).

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Livsey, Tautel, Edsall)
0-nays**

CENSUS UPDATE

Supervisor Magryta reported that the Census figures for 2000 show 12,484 residents in the Town and the Census figures for 2010 show 12,492 residents in the Town. The Supervisor clarified that the Town of Highlands includes Bear Mountain, Highland Falls, Fort Montgomery and West Point.

OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE ISSUES

Council Member Livsey:

Council Member Livsey reported that he has received three quotes for the dugouts at Brooks' Park. Mr. Livsey said that Brick Tavern has given him a quote that is \$7,000 less than the other companies and they provide an unlimited warranty with their product. Mr. Livsey said that the cost of the dugouts will be \$17,000.

Supervisor Magryta asked if the Ponytail representatives have seen the dugouts.

Council Member Livsey said that they and Mr. Willis have seen the dugouts and are very excited.

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Council Member Edsall reminded the Board that Brooks' Park is on State property.

Council Member Livsey assured Council Member Edsall that he has spoken to the proper people and everything is alright.

Council Member Gokey made a motion seconded by Council Member Tautel to authorize the Comptroller to prepare a Purchase Order in the amount of \$17,000 to purchase the dugouts for Brooks' Park.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Livsey, Tautel, Edsall)
0-nays**

Council Member Livsey discussed putting a boat ramp inside Long Pond and having residents sign out a key for the season to get through the gate.

Supervisor Magryta would like Council Member Livsey to provide the engineering plans to West Point.

Council Member Gokey said that there might be grants to help with this project and she will forward a link to Council Member Livsey.

Council Member Livsey said that he will provide proposals for lumber and talk about the Long Pond project at the next workshop.

Council Member Edsall:

Council Member Edsall stated that he and Council Member Tautel went to the Community Development Block Grant meeting and they were informed that there will be a 75% cut in grant funds.

Council Member Edsall said that Vision has requested money for the Patriot Garden.

Supervisor Magryta said that Vision and the Garden Club have both put in requests for funds and the Board will need to decide the amounts based on the projects. The Supervisor would like to give other groups another week or two to put in proposals before any funds are distributed.

Council Member Edsall would like the Board to act quickly.

Supervisor Magryta:

Supervisor Magryta would like the Board to move on getting their department's audits done.

Supervisor Magryta said there will be sheets to sign when a department's audit is complete and these sheets will be filed with the Town Clerk if anyone wants to review them.

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Supervisor Magryta asked Council Member Livsey if he has any update on the 19A situation.

Council Member Livsey would like to discuss that in executive session.

Supervisor Magryta said the Board needs to review whether it is cost effective for the Highway Department to purchase recycling containers.

Council Member Gokey said there is a revolving DEC grant to help with this.

Supervisor Magryta urged the Board to meet with Comptroller Blauvelt and get well versed in bank reconciliations.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Marie Feducia asked Council Member Livsey how much it will cost to rent a crane to put the dugouts at Brooks Park.

Council Member Livsey said the cost is approximately \$1,500.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council Member Livsey made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to discuss 1) Matters relating to collective negotiations under the Taylor Act; 2) proposed, pending or current litigation; 3) the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation. The Board went into executive session at 8:45pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Livsey, Tautel, Edsall)
0-nays**

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Livsey to close the executive session. Executive session closed at 10:09pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Livsey, Tautel, Edsall)
0-nays**

Council Member Tautel made a motion seconded by Council Member Edsall to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:10pm.

**MOTION CARRIED: 5-ayes (Magryta, Gokey, Livsey, Tautel, Edsall)
0-nays**

Attest,